

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113**

HELEN CHAPMAN, CHAIR

MELANIE RICHARDSON, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

MARY ANN RUIZ

MARK SWINEFORD

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Richardson, Flaughner, Hamilton, Harding, Kim,
and Swineford

Absent: Commissioners Ruiz and Matsushima

2 ORDERS OF THE DAY

Items 6.1 and 6.2 were heard during the development meeting.

3 CEREMONIAL ITEMS

3.1 Presentation of Commendations to Outgoing Chair Helen Chapman

Director Albert Balagso presented outgoing Chair Helen Chapman with two commendations in recognition of her distinguished service.

4 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Foran and Jean Marlowe, from the River Oaks Neighborhood Association, distributed pages 7 and 8 from the Planning Department's staff report on File No. PDC06-038, the Irvine Apartment Communities project on the Sony property site in North San José. The report references a "neighborhood master plan" in the River Oaks neighborhood prepared by the applicant. Mr. Foran and Ms. Marlowe were concerned that they had not seen this master plan and the item was on the July 27, 2007 Planning Commission agenda. They requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider an emergency item to request that the Planning Commission defer the hearing until the neighborhood master plan could be reviewed by the community and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission requested that this item be agendized for discussion at their special joint meeting with the Planning Commission the next week on June 27, 2007. [Update: Upon advice from the City Attorney's Office, this item was not agendized.]

5 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Set a Public Hearing to Name a New Turnkey Park Associated with the Former Modern Ice Site on August 1, 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Richardson and voted unanimously to approve a public hearing be set to name a new turnkey park associated with the former Modern Ice site on August 1, 2007.

5.2 Approval of Citywide Aquatics Master Plan

Deputy Director Cynthia Bojorquez presented an overview of the Citywide Aquatics Master Plan ten-month process; reviewed the February 2007 direction from Council (the Commission's recommendations made on January 17, 2007 were approved by Council), summarized actions taken since the February Council presentation and reviewed the next steps. The master plan is a 15-year, phased-in strategy to create a quality citywide aquatics program. It is scheduled for Council approval on August 21, 2007.

Ms. Bojorquez also requested that the Commission hold a public hearing to solicit input on the 2008 Citywide Aquatics program fee increases.

Discussion took place on the potential of an aquatics center at Davis Intermediate School; keeping the pools simple; agreements in the East Side; the short-term (five-year) plan funding incorporated into the proposed budget; outreach; travel distance with relationship to amenities offered; the fee structure and subsidy strategies; and the new marketing efforts.

Public comment was heard from two speakers: 1) Chris Clark, from the Park Pleasant Neighborhood Association, expressed the need for a pool in Council District 5; and 2) Harvey Darnell, from the Greater Gardner Neighborhood Advisory Committee, expressed support of the master plan and its revealing of underserved areas.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding and seconded by Commissioner Swineford

to approve the Citywide Aquatics Master Plan.

Amendment to the motion was moved by Vice Chair Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Swineford to also set a public hearing in September 2007 to solicit public input for the 2008 Citywide Aquatics program fee structure. It was voted unanimously to approve the amended motion.

5.3 Approval of Letter to Planning Department Regarding the Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Report

Parks Planning Manager Dave Mitchell distributed a revised draft letter. The Commission discussed changes to the draft letter, and the need for a financing plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Richardson and voted unanimously to approve the revised draft letter to the Planning Department regarding the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) with the following changes: 1) Rewording of questions to statements of what the DEIR does not address; and 2) Omission of #11.

5.4 Approval of Letter to City Council Regarding Amendment to Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities Policy

A letter on this subject was previously approved by the Commission on May 2, 2007. Commissioner Harding resubmitted a revised draft letter.

It was moved by Vice Chair Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Swineford and voted unanimously to approve the revised draft letter to the City Council regarding an amendment to the Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities Policy with the following change: The contact telephone number in the letter shall be the PRNS Department.

5.5 Set a Public Hearing to Solicit Testimony on Potential Public Smoking Ban in City Parks

Acting Assistant Director Julie Mark explained that the Rules and Open Government Committee had requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission hold a public hearing on this subject.

It was moved by Vice Chair Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Harding and voted unanimously to approve a public hearing be set to solicit testimony on a potential public smoking ban in City parks on August 1, 2007.

5.6 Reschedule of August 15, 2007 Commission Meeting to August 29, 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding and voted unanimously to reschedule the August 15 Commission meeting to August 29, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

The development meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m. and was followed by the study session.